

## **Why biobanks are important**

Alt-text Figure 1 - Biobanking process

A set of 7 colourful frames with words inside indicate the biobanking process in order: patient (ethics), sampling, collection, processing, storage, shipping, and analysis. Arrows on the top indicate that from patient to storage are biobank-related processes, and from shipping to analysis are research-related processes. An arrow on the bottom indicates the opposite direction from analysis to storage associated with the return of samples/data to the biobank